

January 22, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (CON Project 17-058)

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a current patient of Midwest Physician Alliance and receive cardiology care from Dr. Kurt Erickson at his office located at 11560 S. Kedzie Avenue, Merrionette Park, Illinois. I have come to know Dr. Erickson and his staff quite well, and they always provide me with outstanding care.

I am writing this letter in support of the certificate of need application submitted by Premier Cardiac Surgery Center. After undergoing my first bypass surgery when I was 32, I have become very experienced with cardiac care. Since my procedure in 1986, I have also undergone a stent procedure and another bypass surgery. Dr. Erickson has been my cardiologist for the last 12 years. His facility in Merrionette Park is much more convenient than his previous office. There is more parking and newer and more spacious office facilities.

I respectfully ask the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this CON application. I believe the project will be beneficial to me and the surrounding communities. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,



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